

LA FOLLETTE IS LIBERAL BLOC'S FINANCE CHOICE

Boomed as Successor to
Edge by Members of
'Young Guard.'

By Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance
WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—The
senate's liberal bloc determined on
a new objective today as part of
its tariff fight.

It wants to obtain for Senator
Robert M. La Follette Jr. the place
on the senate finance committee
to be left vacant by resignation of
Walter E. Edge of New Jersey.

Meanwhile the "new guard" has
a candidate of its own for the
place, Senator John Thomas of
Idaho.

The two groups are agreed only
one point that the west is entitled
to a place on the senate's tariff-
making committee. Geographically,
the liberals believe they have the
best of the argument, for the states
most prominent in the movement
for La Follette are the midwestern
group.

Nebraska, Iowa, North and South
Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin,
and this territory has no spokes-
man on the committee. States
farther west have Smoot and Utah
and Shortridge of California to
look after their interests.

Senator Gerald W. Nye of North
Dakota is a member of the com-
mittee on committees which will
make the selection and his support
of La Follette probably will be a
strong factor.

The "young guard" has no mem-

Armless, Yet They Fly



Charles McGonagel, left, has lost both arms, and Loxa Thornton, right, has only one arm—but those handicaps do not keep them from flying their own planes. Both are pilots, and participated in the California Air Tours good-will flight. Note the mechanical attachments that serve for hands.

ber representing it on the com-
mittee on committees, which largely
is composed of old guard members
and not likely to be enthusiastic
about selection of either La Follette
or Thomas. McNary is chairman
and the other members are Moses,
whose feud with the liberals still

is bitter; Smoot, Reed, Edge, Oddie,
Bingham, Nye, and Deneen.
However the old guard lacks nu-
merical strength to name one of its
own men without the help of one
of the other groups if the fight
should be carried to the senate floor
as it may be.

U. S. BUILDING PROJECTS WILL BE SPEEDED UP

New Federal Structures Are
Needed in 311 Small
Cities.

By Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance
WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—Con-
gress is preparing to consider
President Hoover's plan to speed
up federal building construction
throughout the country as one
means of stimulating industry.

An increase of \$100,000,000 for
projects outside of Washington and
an addition of \$75,000,000 for proj-
ects within the capital will be
authorized in the treasury depart-
ment appropriations bill, which will
be reported to congress next month.

The plan has the indorsement of
Senator Smoot of Utah and Repre-
sentative Elliott of Indiana, chair-
men of the public buildings com-
mittees.

More than \$200,000,000 has been
authorized in the last three years
for federal building construction in
the larger cities. A part of this
work is now in progress, but actual

construction of many buildings has
not been started.

But, in addition to this, a sur-
vey by representatives of the treas-
ury and postoffice departments has
disclosed need for new federal
buildings in 311 smaller cities.

The survey showed that in many
sections of the country there are
large areas, some greater in size
than some of the smaller states of
the union, where no federal build-
ing ever has been erected.

In addition there are many in-
dustrial centers, which have sprung
into prominence in recent years,
which are without federal buildings.

"The psychological effect of the
government having a building in
such places should not be under-
estimated," the report declared.

The survey disclosed a need for
\$398,000,000 to meet the more ur-
gent needs of the country. Of this
sum \$198,000,000 has yet to be
authorized. President Hoover will
urge that \$100,000,000 of this total
be authorized during the coming
session of congress.

Every state in the union is in-
cluded in projects for larger cities
heretofore authorized or contem-
plated and every state will be a
beneficiary of the new program
which includes smaller cities.

Celebrate 'Iron' Wedding
By United Press
KATY, Germany, Nov. 22.—

After 65 years of married life, Mr.
and Mrs. August Kreil have cele-
brated their "Iron" wedding anni-
versary.

LONE AMERICAN IN VATICAN CITY IS ASTRONOMER

Father John Hagen Has
Served Under Three
Different Popes.

By United Press
VATICAN CITY, Nov. 22.—
Father John Hagen, 82 years old,
and the only American among the
500 odd citizens of the Papal state,
would "like to have another Ameri-
can or two" migrate to Vatican
City.

"It is a melancholy privilege to
be the sole American citizen of the
pontifical state," said the old Jesuit
father in a conversation with a
United Press correspondent today.

Father Hagen has directed the

pontifical astronomical observatory
in the Vatican gardens for twenty-
three years under three popes. He
is almost a hermit, living in seclu-
sion in his observatory and seeing
few except his assistant, Giuseppe
Emanuele.

He rarely leaves the Vatican, and
every clear night he gazes into the
heavens until morning. He talked
to the correspondent in the recep-
tion room of the observatory, which
once was the summer villa of Pope
Leo XIII.

A tall, gaunt figure, in a black
skull-cap and long black cassock,
he appeared to emerge from a world
of telescopes and mathematical
equations.

"Here I am," he said. "Look at
me. Kodak me if you will. I am
the oldest active astronomical ob-
server in the world. I am nearly
83 and my eyes are still good. They
say the constant use of the tele-
scope ruins the eyes but I always
have used my right eye and it is
as good as the left."

"I have only one assistant but I
don't envy those who have twenty
or thirty, for then I should do no
work myself."

Father Hagen was nominated for

his post by Pius X. and has not been
in the United States for twenty-
four years. He lived in America
for about twenty-five years before
coming here and he probably never
would go back.



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